

September 16, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C., 20554

RE; WT DOCKET NO. 08-165

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PETITION BY CTIA-THE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION FOR
DECLARATORY RULING TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS OF SECTION 332 (C)(7)(B)
TO ENSURE TIMELY SITING REVIEW AND TO PREEMPT UNDER SECTION 253
STATE AND LOCAL ORDINANCES THAT CLASSIFY ALL WIRELESS SITING
PROPOSALS AS REQUIRING VARIANCE

September 29, 2008 (extended) Comment Due Date
October 14, 2008 (extended) Reply Due date

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Please deny the CTIA's request for time restrictions on the processing of cell tower applications. Communities need time to review these applications to determine whether or not they are appropriately sited. There are very important considerations, such as tower height, visual impacts, proximity to vulnerable groups such as children's schools as well as property rights that need careful evaluation. In addition many studies now show health effects from cell tower radiation. See Bioinitiative Report: <http://www.bioinitiative.org> . The CTIA's request demonstrates there is growing public health concern by attempting to force local communities to install a tower without adequate time to review or receive public input. The European Parliament recently adopted text recognizing the Bioinitiative Report and calling for stricter safety standards for EMR exposure from wireless devices such as cell towers. If the FCC approves the CTIA's request they will be taking away basic human and American rights by imposing these deadlines. **What we need are new biology based safety standards for EMR exposure, not application deadlines.**

Thank You,

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